

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above identified patent application is hereby respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-16 have been canceled. Claims 17-19 remain in the case.

The applicant appreciated the thoroughness of the review by Examiner Robyn Kieu Doan.

The claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103, as applied to claims 1-17, are noted.

Claims 17-19 are indicated as allowable. Claims 1-16 have been canceled. Therefore, the application is believed to be in condition of allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Certain of the prior art made of record and not relied upon that is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure has been reviewed by the undersigned, but is deemed no more relevant than the applied references.

Approval of the drawings is noted.

As all remaining claims 17-19 appear to be in condition of allowance, reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is courteously urged at the earliest time.

The applicant appreciates the opportunity to communicate by telephone with the Examiner or the Examiner's Supervisor, if necessary. Please continue to direct all correspondence to the correspondence address and telephone as shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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